

Applicants: Lok et al.

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REMARKS

The Office Action sets forth a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121. Applicants were requested to elect one of the five designated groups as briefly noted below:

I. Claims 1 and 2, drawn to polypeptides comprising all or portions of SEQ ID NO:2, classified in class 530, subclass 350.

II. Claims 3 and 4, drawn polynucleotides encoding the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2 and vector comprising, classified in class 536, subclass 23.5, 435 and 320.1.

III. Claim 5, drawn to antibody that specifically binds to polypeptide SEQ ID NO:2, classified in class 530, subclass 387.9.

IV. Claim 6, drawn to anti-idiotypic antibody to an antibody that specifically binds to polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2, classified in class 530, subclass 387.2.

V. Claim 7, drawn to a method for promoting proliferation of leukocytes comprising contacting leukocytes with a polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2, classified in class 424, subclass 85.7.

In response to the Requirement for Restriction Election, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1 and 2, drawn to polypeptides comprising all or portions of SEQ ID NO:2, without traverse. Claims 3-7 are withdrawn from consideration in this case; however, Applicants reserve the right to pursue examination of the non-elected claims in continuation or divisional applications.

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Early reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims under examination are respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would expedite prosecution of the above-identified patent application, please call the undersigned at (206) 442-6540.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Enclosures:

Petition and Fee for Extension of Time (in duplicate)
Preliminary Amendment
Amendment Fee Transmittal (in duplicate)
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